Dear friends,

As August begins, we are entering six months of social distancing and new realities for our worlds. From our home lives, to how we interact with our community, or even create and enjoy culture, 2020 and the impacts of COVID-19 have undoubtedly shifted our truths. Here at NCTA, we continue reflecting on how we are expanding and creating new realities through digital programming, coalition-based conversations across the country, and updates and insights on opportunities that directly speak to you, our cultural producers, and practitioners.

We’d love to hear from you, to make sure we all continue connecting, supporting, and learning from each other. As you think through those moments, please share them with us via email or social media. We gladly offer some highlights of our RARRA campaign below. We welcome your feedback to ensure we can try to speak to your shifting needs and realities.

Thank you,
National Council for the Traditional Arts

Relief & Recovery Resource Alert

*Relief & Recovery Resource Alert* (RARRA) shares various funding opportunities, new resources, and tools to help support the NCTA
community during the COVID-19 crisis. Daily posts of new and timely resources are shared on the NCTA’s Facebook and Twitter pages. Please subscribe to these for daily Relief & Recovery Resource alerts.

Our newsletter lists some of the most compelling resources and key highlights for the upcoming month.

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### Highlighted Resources

#### MSAC Emergency Grant

The Maryland State Arts Council is accepting a second round of applications from members of the creative community in Maryland who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

**Deadline 8/3.**

[More here](#)

#### Texas Folk & Traditional Arts Relief Fund

Texas Folklife announces its relief fund for folk artists in Texas. Donate to the relief fund or apply for a $500 grant.

**Deadline for grant application is 8/14.**

[More here](#)

#### Rauschenberg Emergency Grants

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation has partnered with New York Foundation for the Arts to offer emergency grants for artists of several disciplines who are in need of funding for medical support.

**Deadline 8/31.**

[More here](#)

#### Velocity Fund

The Velocity Fund has partnered with the Andy
Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts to offer grants for Philadelphia-based visual artists. The next round of funding starts in August.

More here

Fresh From the Field

Save Our Stages Act

Now under consideration by the Senate, the Save Our Stages Act would provide Small Business Administration grants for independent venues, promoters, and festivals affected by COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Learn more and sign on to the petition below.

More here

The Cultural New Deal for Cultural and Racial Justice

The Cultural New Deal for Cultural and Racial Justice calls upon culture bearers and artists to transform personal, institutional, and global thinking, as a means to end racial inequity and injustice.

More here

The Actors Fund

The Actors Fund announces their Healing with the Actors Fund Group, offering a digital space for Black-identified entertainment professionals to engage in dialogue, sharing, and healing surrounding POC experiences in times of COVID-19. The group meets weekly via Zoom.

More here

Helpful Resource Libraries

First Peoples Fund Resource Library
The First Peoples Fund offers indigenous artists and culture bearers access to support opportunities.

More here

Resources for Undocumented Immigrants

An online, open-access informational resource during times of COVID-19 for undocumented communities, organized by state (as published on Fractured Atlas’ website, though not their publication).

More here

The National Council for the Traditional Arts maintains the Relief & Recovery Resource Alert social media and email campaign. To share a resource with us, please email support@ncta-usa.org.

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